

In fact, farm receipts from sales of hogs place the industry in fourth or fifth place among all agricultural commodities that we produce in this country. So it is a very important industry. It is very important for our producers. It is important for our consumers. It is important for our Nation.

Some of the important issues that will be researched at the Swine Research Center include how pork production can be made more efficient and how we can solve some of the environmental problems of pork production.

The research will include studies by soil, plant, and animal scientists into enhancing both the competitiveness and the environmental soundness of the pork industry.

There is currently, as my colleague from Iowa pointed out, no other State or Federal facility capable of addressing the unique research planned for this center.

The Agricultural Research Service has identified this project as a high priority. It is the result of joint planning and continuing efforts by the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, the National Pork Producers Council, Iowa State University, and the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

As Senator GRASSLEY pointed out, there was peer review, a national peer review, not just regional or State.

So for these reasons, it is important that we continue our commitment to agricultural research in general and to the Cooperative State Research Service and to the Agricultural Research Service.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed at this point in the RECORD a fact sheet from the National Pork Producers Council, entitled "A Profile of Today's Pork Industry."

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### A PROFILE OF TODAY'S PORK INDUSTRY

The U.S. pork industry is experiencing unprecedented growth. More pork was produced in the U.S. in 1992 than ever before, and 1993 was nearly as large. Over 17 billion pounds will again be processed from just under 93 million hogs in 1994.

The economic impact of the industry on rural America is immense. Farm receipts from hogs place the industry in 4th or 5th position [depending on the year] among all farm commodities. Annual farm sales usually exceed \$11 billion, while the retail value of pork sold to consumers exceeds \$30 billion.

And the pork industry benefits more than just farmers! Pork production means jobs and economic opportunity for thousands of rural communities. The "value added" nature of pork provides employment well beyond the farm. Based on a 1993 study by researchers at Iowa State University, the U.S. pork industry is responsible for over \$66 billion dollars in total domestic economic activity. Through direct, indirect and induced effects, the pork industry supports 764,080 jobs and adds nearly \$26 billion dollars of value to production inputs. Given these figures, the pork industry's major contribution to local, state and national economies and governments (through tax revenues) is obvious.

Approximately 200,000 pork producers are in business today compared to nearly three million in 1950. Farms have grown in size—nearly 80 percent of the hogs are grown on farms producing 1000 or more hogs per year. These operations, which are often more technically sophisticated, are still predominantly individual family farms.

The geographic location of pork production is shifting as well. While the traditional Corn Belt represents the overwhelming share of production, growth is also occurring in "nontraditional" hog states such as Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma. North Carolina, which ranked 14th in pork production 30 years ago, now ranks 2nd among states.

The global market offers tremendous growth potential for U.S. pork producers. With many of the world's most cost-efficient producers, the U.S. pork industry still only sells about 2 percent of total production overseas. Yet pork is the world's "meat of choice" by far, with over 40 percent share of the world's meat protein market.

The National Pork Producers Council is the only national membership organization representing pork producers exclusively. The "Pork. The Other White Meat" promotion is well known. Funded by the national pork checkoff and paid for by producers, it is credited with having a major impact in improving pork's consumer image and helping improve pork demand. The checkoff also funds important research projects to improve pork's nutritional profile, overall quality and price.

Mr. HARKIN. Again, Mr. President, while I understand the desire of the Senator from Arizona to put more money into programs he feels very strongly about, this is not the time to turn our backs on the important agricultural research being done all over this country.

I yield the floor.

Mr. EXON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I move to table the McCain amendment.

The distinguished Senator from Arizona has agreed it can be done by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table the McCain amendment.

So the motion to table the amendment (No. 424) was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the motion was agreed to.

Mr. COCHRAN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I am going to use a portion of my leader's time.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HOWELL HEFLIN

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, in announcing his plans to not seek reelection, our distinguished colleague from Alabama, Senator HEFLIN, said today that he hopes he "will be looked upon as a public servant who has served with dignity, integrity, and diligence." In my view, those qualities speak volumes about Senator HOWELL HEFLIN.

From his highly decorated service in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, to his 6 years as chief justice of Alabama's Supreme Court, to his three terms in the U.S. Senate during which he held the thankless post of Ethics Committee chairman, this man affectionately known as the country judge from Tusculumbia, AL, has made a difference for America and the people of his State.

While we have not agreed on every issue, I have been proud to stand with my friend from Alabama time after time, whether it's been on the Desert Storm resolution, the flag protection amendment, the balanced budget amendment, regulatory reform, or one of countless other issues.

Mr. President, as Senator HEFLIN looks ahead to returning home to Alabama and more time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, I know all my colleagues join in wishing him all the best for the future. And I know that during that final 2 years of his term, he will continue to serve with the dignity, integrity, and diligence that have characterized his life in public service.

Mr. DOLE. Let me first announce there will be no more votes this evening. It is my understanding that the manager of the appropriations bill now pending indicates we will complete action on the bill maybe late tomorrow evening. That is the hope of the chairman, Senator HATFIELD.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DOLE. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate go into executive session to consider the nomination of Daniel Glickman to be Secretary of Agriculture, and that it be considered under the following agreement: 40 minutes to be equally divided in the usual form. I ask further that, when the Senate concludes its debate tonight, there be 10 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form, on Thursday, prior to vote on the confirmation of Mr. Glickman.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.